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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WEBSTER,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1879.

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REPORT.

Amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1878,	\$4,022.95
The collector has paid into the treasury, in cash, abatements, and receipts for non-resident highway taxes worked out,	2,916.67
Due from collector,	\$1,106.28

RECEIPTS.

Received of former treasurer—cash,	\$293.86
“ “ dog tax,	39.00
“ “ state bonds,	\$2,000.00
J. H. Trumbull, collector, 1878,	2,916.67
“ “ 1877,	463.86
“ “ 1876,	108.00
Warner Bank, on note of town,	600.00
Luther C. Titcomb, on note of town,	800.00
I. D. Merrill, on note of town,	500.00
J. H. Trumbull, on note of town,	125.00
John Jones, money held in trust for Dolly Eastman,	105.00
Interest on state bond,	105.00
For state bond sold,	568.75
From county for support of paupers,	237.25
Pension for Dolly Eastman,	60.67
Savings bank tax,	975.59
Railroad tax,	121.80
Literary fund,	58.09
For use of town hall,	1.50
	\$10,080.04

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid J. L. Gerrish, expenses and services after settlement,	\$6.85
Morrill & Silsby, order book,	1.25
J. M. Snyder, expense and services after settlement,	6.50
W. W. Austin, expense and services after settlement,	3.25
George Little, dinners for selectmen, clerk, and moderator,	3.37
D. L. Guernsey, for books and stationery,	4.66
Hollis Jackman, for wood, repairs of town-house, and sweeping,	3.00
Dr. Arey, for return of births and deaths,	1.25
Dr. J. M. Wilson, for return of births and deaths, 1877,	.75
Dr. G. C. Blaisdell, for return of births and deaths, 1877,	.50
Atherton Sweatt, for board and room-rent, up to April 17, 1878,	7.75
Republican Press Association, for reports,	28.75
C. C. Kimball, use of water,	3.00
Walter M. Hill, for digging grave,	2.00
W. W. Austin, horse-hire, car fare, and expense out of town,	38.00
F. A. Shepard, for showing lines of lots,	1.42
Joseph H. Sanborn, for use of water,	2.00
Edward Buxton, for books furnished indigent children,	4.15
Carter F. Blanchard, digging two graves,	3.00
Frank P. Shattuck, digging grave,	1.50
C. H. Fitz, sheep killed by dogs,	3.73
H. G. Stone, " "	18.68
B. F. Call, " "	2.33
Parker C. Pillsbury, " "	6.07
Gilman C. Stone, " "	5.13
Harriett Spaulding, " "	3.03
James F. Sanborn, care of graveyard and digging graves,	6.00
O. H. Fitz, use of water,	2.00
George Little, powder and fuse used on highway,	.64
George P. Titcomb, for returning births and deaths,	.50

Paid Harris Goodwin, digging graves,	\$6.50
Ephraim Little, S. S. Committee, for state maps for Districts Nos. 8 and 9,	10.00
Mrs. Page, of Lisbon, for land and buildings for- merly occupied by Ira Jackman,	600.00
F. L. Burbank & Sons, for lumber,	14.05
J. H. Trumbull, painting and putting up guide- boards,	8.00
Hollis Jackman, clearing cemetery, fixing fence, and hanging hearse-house door,	4.00
Moses Whittier, for work on roads and board of team and men,	12 00
Josiah B. Sanborn, for warrants and check-lists,	1.42
J. M. Snyder, for postage, stationery, and search- ing records,	2.03
J. M. Snyder, horse-hire and expense out of town,	10.50
P. W. Whittier, board of men and team while at work on road,	2.73
M. A. Pillsbury, horse-hire and expense out of town,	2.50
J. H. Trumbull, blanks and postage,	2.50
L. D. Stevens, for legal advice,	.50
Atherton Sweatt, board and room-rent for select- men and supervisors,	12.25
J. H. Trumbull, for land sold for non-resident tax,	25.18
	\$885.22

BOUNTIES.

Paid Luther and O. F. Putney, bounty on foxes,	\$4.50
W. G. Goodhue, " "	2.00
J. L. Gerrish, " "	1.50
C. F. Goodhue, " "	.50
Frank W. Rolfe, " "	.50
William Hale, bounty on hawks,	.40
Albert Ryan, " "	.20
H. H. Ryan, " "	1.00
S. M. Goodhue, " "	1.40
W. G. Goodhue, " "	.40
Charles George, " "	.20
W. B. Simpson, " "	.20

Paid Isaac Waldron,	bounty on hawks,	\$.40
Arthur Corner,	" "	.20
Edward Walker	" "	.80
Willie Sanborn,	" "	.40
Madison Thurber,	" "	.40
Herman Sawyer,	" "	.20
G. T. Sanborn,	" "	.20
Charles F. Sanborn,	" "	.20
Henry J. Brackett,	" "	.20
Walter Flanders,	" "	.20
Charles H. Fitz,	" "	.20
E. H. Pearson,	" "	.20
Mrs. Thomas J. Hardy,	" "	.20

 \$16.60

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Greenleaf C. Shaw, for right of way for road,	\$35.00
Moody A. Pillsbury, money paid W. A. Hunt- toon and W. Burpee for work on Chadwick road,	9.19
C. C. Kimball, putting in a stone water-course,	4.00
W. W. Austin, for work on road,	40.00
J. A. Flanders, for building 22½ rods of wall,	20.25
Charles F. Sanborn, for work on road,	4.00
Parker C. Pillsbury, " "	4.38
Caleb P. Little, " "	33.42
Charles C. Kimball, " "	6.00
Carter F. Blanchard, " " half-day,	.70
Charles S. Colby, " "	7.00
Frank D. Tilton, " "	2.00
Daniel C. Eastman, " "	1.00
Josiah S. Adams, snowing bridge,	2.25
Frank Shattuck, for cutting out ice in road,	.80
Samuel Little, work on road and putting up rail- ing,	3.50
O. H. Fitz, work on roads and bridges,	4.65
Paul Pillsbury, work on roads and bridges,	13.00
John Dowling, for use of road machine,	3.00
John Kilborn, work on road,	8.80
Charles Goodhue, for work on roads,	2.25
Moses E. Page, " "	1.00
C. W. Watson, " "	2.00
W. Watson, " "	1.50

Paid H. H. & J. L. Gerrish, for work on road,	\$1.60
J. M. Snyder, for work on roads and bridges,	5.00
Farnsworth Shattuck, for work on bridge,	1.00
E. W. Holmes, work on highway,	15.00
Ira Whittier, " "	1.97
	\$234.26

Non-resident highway taxes paid in labor, \$72.91

ABATEMENTS.

Paid William Eastman, overtax on land,	\$1.00
Tristram Sanborn, overtax on buggy,	.82
Harry Knight, overtax on land,	1.65
Charles F. Sanborn, tax paid in Salisbury,	2.56
Adaline Gerald, overtax,	7.68
Farnsworth Shattuck, overtax in 1876 and 1877,	5.93
George T. Sanborn, overtax,	3.84
Sundry abatements on tax-book of 1876,	62.41
	\$85.89

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Roxalana, for support of Ira Jackman,	\$33.20
Hiram Roby, for support of Dolly Eastman,	95.50
Thomas Rainer, for support of Joseph Leazer,	9.00
Harriett Spaulding, for support of Chas. Spaulding,	80.00
Paul Pillsbury, for support of Chas. Spaulding,	24.00
George T. Sanborn, for support of Susan Sweatt,	20.00
Dorcas Eastman, " "	102.30
C. H. Sanders, for pair shoes for " "	1.25
New Hampshire Asylum, support of Dr. John M. Fitz,	163.15
George Woodward, for boarding W. Trussell,	10.00
Dr. N. H. Arey, medical attendance on Rachel Call,	2.00
Dr. N. H. Arey, medical attendance on Charles Spaulding,	1.25
Dr. N. H. Arey, medical attendance on W. Trussell,	9.00
J. C. Jackman, keeping transient paupers,	2.00
J. M. Snyder, for keeping transient paupers,	2.00

Paid Thomas J. Hardy, keeping tramps,	\$2.59
W. W. Austin, " "	4.00
Hollis Jackman, " "	2.00
William Clough, support of Ruth and Emily ¹	
Clough,	104.00
	\$667.24

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid John B. Chase, agent No. 1,	\$67.73
Freeman Courser, " 2,	66.81
Harris Goodwin, " 3,	111.89
Paul C. Horne, " 4,	59.96
W. H. Clough, " 5,	41.25
Sherman Little, " 6,	108.00
Thomas J. Courser, " 7,	68.53
Edward W. Holmes, " 8,	160.82
Joseph H. Sanborn, " 9,	131.32
George C. Chase, " 10,	10.78
	\$827.09

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	\$832.00
county tax,	1,041.39
	\$1,873.39

BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid John Sanborn, bond and interest,	\$530.07
I. D. Merrill, " "	578.19
Henry L. Dodge, interest,	180.45
Calvin Little, interest on bonds,	30.07
C. D. Glitten, " "	90.22
George Little, " "	30.07
Clara Couch, " "	24.06
Albe C. Sweatt, " "	30.07
Polly Swasey, " "	30.07
Eldad Austin, " "	30.07
M. A. Pillsbury, " "	30.07
J. H. Trumbull, " "	36.08
Henry L. Little, " "	30.07
W. W. Austin, " "	30.07
	\$1,679.63

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Kearsarge Bank note,	\$611.55
Luther Titcomb, note and interest,	820.00
	\$1,431.55

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Ephraim Little, services as S. S. Committee,	\$18.00
W. S. Putney, " " "	16.00
D. G. Holmes, " " "	12.00
Atherton Sweatt, town clerk,	22.04
" " treasurer,	20.00
J. H. Trumbull, collector,	30.00
Abial Trumbull, constable,	3.00
M. A. Pillsbury, selectman and overseer of poor,	48.00
W. W. Austin, " " "	60.00
J. M. Snyder, " " "	57.27
	\$286.31

DEBT OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1879.

In bonds,	\$10 300.00
In note, School District No. 8, Boscawen,	188.00
In note to I. D. Merrill,	500.00
In note to J. H. Trumbull,	125.00
	\$11,113.00

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

Paid miscellaneous bills,	\$885.22
roads and bridges,	234.26
school money,	827.09
abatements,	85.89
support of paupers,	667.24
state and county tax,	1,873.39
bonds and interest,	1,679.63
notes and interest,	1,431.55
non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	72.92
town officers,	286.31

Paid state bonds in treasury,	\$1,500.00
cash in treasury,	19.94
state bond sold,	500.00
bounties,	16.60
	\$10,080.04

ASSETS.

Due from state volunteers' bounties, advanced in 1864,	\$958.40
P. W. Whittier, collector, 1875,	104.62
J. H. Trumbull, " 1877,	179.47
" " " 1878,	1,106.28
State bonds,	1,500.00
Stock of liquor,	13.88
Cash in treasury,	19.94
Due from Dists. 8 and 9, for state maps, \$5 each,	10.00
Ira Jackman, homestead and wood-lot,	450.00
Land taken for taxes and cost,	25.18
Due from county for support of paupers,	163.15
	\$4,530.92
Balance against the town,	\$6,582.08

JAMES M. SNYDER, } *Selectmen*
 WM. W. AUSTIN, } *of*
 MOODY A. PILLSBURY, } *Webster.*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of the town of Webster:

As by law required, your committee now lay before you the annual statement of the condition of our public schools. Most of them have been reasonably satisfactory, while some have been excellent.

Our school-houses, with two or three exceptions, are comfortable, and in fair order for school purposes. In one or two districts they are unpleasant and in bad condition, and it is hoped will soon be remodelled and repaired, or replaced by new ones.

In illustrative apparatus, books of reference, wall-maps, &c., there is a deficiency that is to be regretted. A small globe, in the hands of a skilful teacher, will assist the child just commencing the study of geography to form definite ideas of the form and motions of the earth, of latitude and longitude, of the relative size and situation of the several oceans and continents, the cause of the changes of the seasons, &c., and will often be worth more at a single recitation than its entire cost.

Wall-maps are useful, and a teacher could spend a few minutes occasionally to great profit in drilling a class in pointing out the situation of the most important cities, rivers, lakes, mountains, &c., thus fixing important facts so firmly in memory that they would never be forgotten.

Last summer the legislature passed an act authorizing the superintending committee and selectmen to order a copy of the new state map for each school in town, and take the money to pay for them from any funds appropriated for school purposes.

The amount of school money in most of the districts is so small that we did not like to diminish it by taking from it the price of the map. We however ordered them for our two largest schools, the pay for them to be drawn from the school money of those districts. In most of the towns about us, we are told, they have put a copy of the map in all their schools.

In regard to black-boards—a most essential appurtenance of the school-room—there is a fair supply in all the districts but two, while none are entirely destitute.

We are pleased to notice the evidences of interest taken by parents and others in the schools. We find reported 333 visitors,—a sure indication that the pupils are not friendless or forgotten, and that the teachers and their services are appreciated.

Allow us again to urge the importance of constancy and punctuality in attendance. We copy from the registers and append to this report “the names of those pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.”

DISTRICT NO. 1 (*Sweatt's Mills*).

Summer term—Miss Hattie B. Little, teacher. Length of school, in weeks, 7; wages per month, including board, \$17; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, $8\frac{3}{10}$.

Fall term—same teacher. Length of school, in weeks, 8; wages per month, including board, \$18; whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, $6\frac{5}{8}$.

Notwithstanding this was Miss Little's first school, she was permitted to teach both terms, which she did with very satisfactory results. P.

DISTRICT NO. 2 (*Pleasant street*).

Summer term—Miss Josie L. Day, teacher. Length of school,

six weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 19; average attendance, $17\frac{1}{2}$.

Here Miss Day made her first attempt as a teacher. She had obtained a thorough and practical knowledge of the common branches in the graded schools of the city, which give good instruction but afford a poor training to fit one to form correct conclusions of a system of instruction or manner of government which would prove successful in the country school. However, Miss Day commenced the term with bright anticipations of success, and her untiring labors to the attainment of that end only lacked experience to have produced better results.

H.

Fall term—Miss C. Glenoria Elkins, teacher. Length of school, 7 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 20; average attendance, $17\frac{1}{4}$.

No time was lost in putting this school in good working order, and the advancement was all that could be expected. The teacher had the full confidence of her scholars, who all seemed anxious to do their very best.

Miss Elkins is a superior teacher.

H.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Corser Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Vienna Dodge, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$22; whole number of pupils, 16; average attendance, $15\frac{2}{3}$.

Winter term—same teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$23; whole number of pupils, 27; average attendance, $22\frac{1}{4}$.

The school has been one of rare excellence. The teacher has labored faithfully, wisely, and successfully.

Much oral instruction has been given, and in a manner to awaken thought and fix important truths in the minds of the youngest. In arithmetic, in algebra, and indeed in all the branches taught, there has been thorough work. Great improvement was made in reading. Some of the small scholars gave the inflection correctly, and read with very fine expression.

Though there was for a time, during the winter term, danger of irritation on the part of some of the parents, occasioned by the admission of pupils from an adjoining district, yet, happily, no trouble was made or ill-feeling cherished to mar the peace and usefulness of the school. It is safe to say that no school in town, during the past year, has been better managed or better instructed than this.

L.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*Battle Street*).

Summer term—Miss Minnie V. Smith, teacher. Length of term, 5 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of pupils, 9; average attendance, $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Smith exerted herself to the utmost for the good of the school, and met with a good degree of success. Sickness closed the term abruptly, without the opportunity of a public examination.

Winter term—Miss Isabel Seavey, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$21; whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, $6\frac{3}{4}$.

There being but few scholars in the district, several from outside were admitted, much to their advantage, as the school has been a very profitable one. For this reason the term was longer than it would otherwise have been. Something, too, was remitted in the matter of board, which lengthened it still further.

The advancement in the several branches taught was exceedingly gratifying. In reading, especially, the improvement was very marked. Good order was maintained, and the deportment of the scholars towards their teacher, and towards each other, is worthy of high commendation.

"We have had an excellent school," say the pupils. So say the parents, so says the committee.

L.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*Sanborn Hill*).

Miss Mary A. Connor, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$15; whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, $7\frac{1}{2}$.

This district was fortunate in putting their whole school into one term, and were also fortunate in the choice of Miss Connor as teacher. She is a worker in the school-room, whose system of instruction prompts the pupil to think quickly and answer correctly. The instruction was thorough, the advancement satisfactory.

H.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*Little Hill*).

Summer term—Miss Fannie E. Sawyer, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 7; average attendance, $6\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Sawyer is thoroughly educated, and having taught, at different seasons, several of our schools, is well known among us as a teacher. Her pupils made good improvement, and the school appeared well at the closing examination.

L.

Winter term—Miss Sarah E. Coffin, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$24; whole number of pupils, 11; average attendance, $10\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Coffin has had considerable experience, which enables her to perform the duties of teacher with greater ease than those who have had less practice. The classes made satisfactory progress, the order was good, and the school appeared well.

L.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*White Plain*).

Summer term—Miss Lilla F. Spaulding, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages per month, including board, \$15; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, $10\frac{1}{2}$. Miss Spaulding entered the list of teachers at an early age. But the school being small, the scholars young, the youthful teacher encountered no serious obstacles. Fair progress was made by most of the pupils.

Fall term—Miss Fannie E. Sawyer, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 10; wages per month, including board, \$15. Whole number of scholars, 10; average attendance, $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Miss Sawyer has had some experience in the school-room, and appears perfectly at ease there. The progress was good, in most

respects. There was a lack in blackboard drill, which, we are sorry to say, exists in many of our schools. Our blackboards were made for use, not for ornament. P.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Bashan*).

Summer term—Miss Helen M. Low, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks. Wages per month, including board, \$28. Whole number of pupils, 28; average attendance, 25.

In reading, this school made good improvement, and in some branches pursued, the advancement was satisfactory. Written arithmetic was somewhat neglected; scholars appeared strangers to the chalk and blackboard. H.

Winter term taught by the same teacher. Length of school, 12 weeks; wages per month, including board, \$29; whole number of pupils, 25; average attendance, $17\frac{2}{3}$.

The teacher commenced this term under some disadvantages, but labored hard for the welfare of the school, and with a good degree of success. Some of the classes made very pleasing progress, and the term to them has been a profitable one. L.

DISTRICT No. 9 (*Putney*).

Summer term—Miss Emma J. Flanders, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages per month, including board, \$20; whole number of scholars, 24; average attendance, $23\frac{1}{2}$.

This has been a quiet, pleasant term. The school appeared well at the examination, both order and deportment being creditable to teacher and pupils, and the progress in most classes quite satisfactory to the committee and parents who were present.

Winter term—Cassius M. Clay, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 12; wages per month, including board, \$27; whole number of pupils, 31; average attendance, $26\frac{3}{4}$.

We are of the opinion that Mr. Clay commenced his work with a determination to keep order and a good school. This he succeeded in carrying out the first part of the term. Being somewhat hasty, he lost the confidence of his pupils, and failed to interest them in their studies. The scholars also failed to

show the respect that is due any teacher. Many of the scholars were withdrawn, and at the closing examination only about half their number were present. In analysis and algebra the instruction was unsatisfactory. In other branches it was more creditable. The classes in arithmetic appeared well, answered promptly, and wrought their examples quickly upon the board. Mr. Clay is a good reader, and some improvement was made in this branch.

P.

ROLL OF HONOR,

Including the names of all the pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

Bennett, Georgie,
 Cross, Adelbert,
 Courser, George W.,
 Courser, Fred W.,
 Dunklee, Eddie,
 French, Arthur,
 Hanson, Henry,
 Hardy, Ernest B.,
 Hardy, Fred J.,
 Little, Charles S.,
 Ladd, Edgar J.,
 Palmer, Charles,
 Palmer, Eddie,
 Rice, Walter C.,
 Rolfe, Frank W.,
 Rice, Charles A.,
 Rice, Herbert E.,
 Rice, Walton L.,
 Sanborn, Henry,
 Tilton, Arthur,
 Thurber, Ervin A.,
 Whitney, Herbert C.,

Burbank, Nellie L.,
 Burbank, Sadie C.,
 Burbank, Alice M.,
 Chase, Mabel A.,
 Chase, Maud C.,
 Courser, Emma J.,
 Fitz, Emma P.,
 French, Hattie,
 Goodwin, Laura E.,
 Horne, Hattie E.,
 Holmes, Estella J.,
 Little, Emma J.,
 Little, Ellen A.,
 Little, Clara M.,
 Little, Myra A.,
 Putney, Bertha M.,
 Roby, Ella F.,
 Stone, Ina M.,
 Sanborn, Ella M.,
 Sanborn, Jennie K.,
 Sanborn, Lizzie H.,
 Silver, Luella G.,
 Webster, Mary.

Respectfully submitted,

EPHRAIM LITTLE,	} <i>Superintending</i>
WILLIAM S. PUTNEY,	
DANIEL G. HOLMES,	
	<i>School</i>
	<i>Committee.</i>

Webster, Feb. 27, 1879.

